

SUBSTITUTE OIL IN THE TRANSFER

HERE'S A GOOD
QUESTION THAT
YOU MAY HAVE
SEEN BEFORE...



Dear Half-Mast,

Our maintenance shop says they cannot get OE/HDO 40W oil and wants to know if they can use OE/HDO 15/40W oil in the HEMTT's transfer. Card 3 of 35 in LO 9-2320-279-12 only specifies OE/HDO 40W oil.

Is OE/HDO 15/40W oil an acceptable substitute?

Mr. G.P.

Dear Mr. G.P.,

This is an issue that has come up in the past. The quick answer is "yes," but there are some stipulations.

The NSN shown in the HEMTT IETM for OE/HDO 40W oil has been discontinued. However, you can get re-refined OE/HDO 40W oil to use instead. NSN 9150-01-433-7970 brings a 55-gal drum.

If OE/HDO 402 isn't available, you can substitute OE/HDO 15W40... but only if your vehicle's warranty has expired.

Half-Mast

WHOA, NELLY!
WHAT'S WITH
THE ATTITUDE?
DIDN'T YOU GET
YOUR MORNING
GRINDS?



**NIP
LADDER
BITE
IN BUO**

THE ONLY GRINDING
I'M GONNA
DO IS ON
YOUR HAND
IF YOU
DON'T FIX
MY BROKEN
HINGE
POINTS!

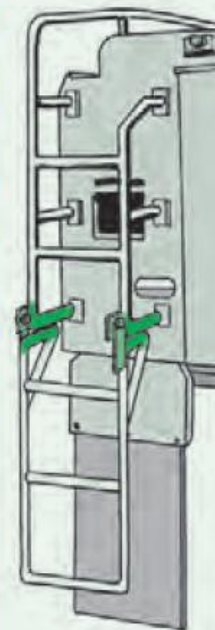
Soldiers, some of you climb up and down M978, M978A, and M978A4 HEMTT tanker ladders many times a year to tackle tasks like fueling vehicles or aircraft.

Most of the time, you probably don't give a second look or thought to those vehicle access ladders. They're just a means to get from Point A to Point B. So while the ladders are there, you may not really "see" them anymore.

Well, turns out that ladders need PMCS, too. Injuries have been caused by damaged HEMTT ladders—some serious enough that workers have lost fingers.

Even on a ladder that is not damaged, the hinge between the bottom and top halves of the ladder is a pinch point. Follow the warnings in the TM and keep hands clear of the ladder hinge.

Ladder hinge is a pinch point. Keep hands clear



When doing weekly PMCS on your HEMTT, don't forget to check that the safety pins are in place to secure the ladder properly. Repair or replace any damaged components you find. If necessary, replace the whole ladder.

A ladder can get damaged when it's accidentally left in the down position. Remember to stow your HEMTT's ladder when it's not in use or before you move the truck. Follow the guidance in your specific HEMTT model's operator's manual.

Use these
NSNs to
order new
retention
pin
hardware
for ladders

Item	NSN
Wire rope	4010-01-162-9825
Clevis pin	5315-01-197-0608
Ladder clip	5340-01-155-3590

Remember, taking the time to fix a broken ladder now sure beats trying to fix a busted finger down the road.